

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are not unpatentable over Ohtani (U.S. Patent No. 5,384,207) in view of Hansen et al. ("Hansen") (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,362 B1) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

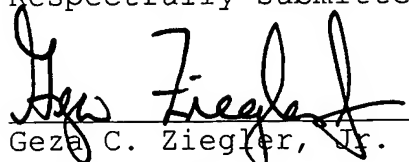
Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(c), Hansen is not prior art for purposes of 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Both Hansen and the instant patent application are, and were at the time of Applicant's invention, owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity. Hansen is assigned to Nokia Mobile Phones Limited, which is also the assignee of the instant application. (See Reel/Frame 012429/0341). Nokia Mobile Phones Limited was merged into Nokia Corporation. Therefore, Hansen does not qualify as prior art for purposes of 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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